

MINUTES

Cumberland Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

MONDAY, September 8, 2014

7:00 P.M. Call to Order

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Present: Councilors Gruber, Stiles, Copp, Edes, Turner, Storey-King and Bingham

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Bingham, seconded by Councilor Edes, to accept the August 25, 2014 minutes as presented.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

II. MANAGER'S REPORT

The natural gas project is moving along fairly rapidly and is now on Route 88, heading south toward Falmouth. We anticipate that approximately 1,000 feet per day of gas line will be installed, so we have about 15 days of work ahead of us.

He spoke to the President of Summit Natural Gas today and was advised that gas could be flowing by the end of next week.

The trenches on Tuttle Road have to go through one frost cycle before the road can be paved. The final paving of Tuttle Road will take place in the spring.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

IV. LEGISLATION AND POLICY

14 – 152 To hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on setting a November 4, 2014 Special Municipal Override Referendum Election date.

The Town Charter requires that the petition signatures be verified by the Town Clerk and the Town Council must hold a Public Hearing to set the Election. There will be a special Town Council meeting on October 8th to discuss the referendum in more detail.

Chairman Gruber opened the Public Hearing.

Public discussion: None

Chairman Gruber closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Turner, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to set a Special Election date of November 4, 2014, to hold a Special Municipal Referendum Election to place the following question before the voters:

“Do you support the following Town Council’s action on July 14, 2014: Adoption of Ordinance approving Contract Zoning amendment for property located at 3 Longwoods Road, Cumberland, Maine, to create two lots and to convey to the Town of Cumberland a Right-of-Way from Longwoods Road to Harris Road?”

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

14 – 153 To appoint members to the Aging in Place Committee.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Bingham, to appoint the following members to the Aging in Place Committee:

Barbara Berkovich, Dawn Berman, Cathy Campbell, Rita Farry, Patricia Harrington, Hope Hussey, Marcy Kamin-Crane, Mickie Kucinkas, Jean Lamson, Teri Maloney-Kelly, Pete O'Donnell, Sandra Parker, Kendall Putnam, Sally Semmes Pierce, Paula Slipp, Christine Turner, and Eileen Wyatt

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

Councilor Edes asked Chairman Gruber to explain the charge of the committee.

Chairman Gruber explained that the committee would be looking at many senior issues such as, public transportation, housing, programs, walking trails, tax relief programs and ways to help seniors stay in their homes.

14 – 154 To appoint members to the Ocean Access Committee.

Councilor Copp said that the Nominating Committee met and spent a lot of time reviewing the applications. All the applicants were good ones but not everyone could be chosen because the number of committee members was limited.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Bingham, the following members to the Ocean Access Committee:

C.Ingrid Parkin - 2 year term
Maureen Ann Connolly – 3 year term
Elizabeth Riotte – 2 year term
Jeff Perry – 1 year term
Denny Gallaudit – 1 year term
Sandra Plummer – 3 year term

Chebeague/Cumberland Land Trust – Penny Asherman (or other appointed designee)
Cumberland Shellfish Conservation Commission – Charles Adams (Jessica Joyce as alternate)
Cumberland Coastal Waters Commission – Lew Incze

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

Councilor Copp said that since we also have an application from a resident for the Coastal Waters Commission, he would also like to appoint that new member.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Turner, to appoint Hugh Judge to the Coastal Waters Commission.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

14 – 155 To consider and act on amendments to the Rines Forest Facility Use Rules as recommended by the Rines Property Citizens Advisory Committee.

Town Manager Shane explained that hunting is allowed in Rines Forest and the state trapping guidelines require permission from the landowner. The Rines Forest Committee would like to have written consent come from the Town Council so that the public can be aware of it. Some traps have been noticed in the forest and some have been a little too close to the trails.

Councilor Bingham added that the Lands and Conservation Commission voted to request that the Town Council extend this rule to all Town owned property.

Motion by Councilor Copp, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to amend the Rines Forest Facility Use Rules as recommended by the Rines Property Citizens Advisory Committee.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Copp – he referred to a report from the Animal Control Officer indicting that during the first week of September, he had contact with 12 people and Twin Brook (regarding the dog rules) and issued no summonses.

Councilor Storey-King – she referred to a report from the Code Enforcement Officer which indicated that there were 2 houses permitted to be built last month. Some people complained when the Council increased the number of building permits allowed each year. We are only up to 47 year to date. The better news is that we have added \$12,000,000 in property tax value.

The Lane Use Committee reviewed the resident survey at their last meeting.

School has started and the new Superintendent is very present. He has attended the school functions and has been at the middle school a few times.

Councilor Edes – None

Councilor Bingham – The Lands & Conservation Commission met recently and discussed using volunteers from the public or groups (i.e. Boy and/or Girl Scout groups) to assist with the removal of buckthorn in the Town Forest and working on cleaning up brush piles. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Chairman Gruber – The Recreation Department will be hosting a program called “Tea and Talk” which is a series of programs for our senior residents.

This Friday is Military Appreciation night at the Greely football game.

The Food Pantry statistics for the last quarter show an increase in usage. We are servicing more and more of our own residents. Thank you to all those residents who help at the Food Pantry.

He received an automated phone call from the Public Policy Polling in regard to the Payson Property. He does not know where the call comes from, but it is not an initiative of the Council or the Town.

Councilor Stiles – we are getting very close to our goal of \$10,000 for the 4-H auction to purchase meat for the Food Pantry. We only have 2 weeks to get to our goal for this good cause. It not only helps the Food Pantry customers, but also the 4-H kids who learn about raising the animals.

Councilor Turner – he realized that since moving to the other end of the dais, there is pretty much nothing left to say when they get to him (laughter).

He also got the robo call at home. The first question is in regard to the Payson property, but the remaining questions have nothing to do with it. It is likely a legitimate survey.

Summit Natural Gas is doing a great job.

Town Manager Shane – This Wednesday will be the first of 5 site walks of the Payson property. The meeting place is Route 88 and Carriage Road and a bus will take everyone onto the property.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., § 405(6)(C) re: real property and § 405(6)(E) consultation with the Town Attorney.

Motion by Councilor Stiles, seconded by Councilor Turner, to recess to EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A., § 405(6)(C) re: real property and § 405(6)(E) consultation with the Town Attorney.

VOTE: 7-0

TIME: 7:50 p.m.

Reconvene to regular session at 9:16 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilor Storey-King, seconded by Councilor Stiles, to adjourn.

VOTE: 7-0 UNANIMOUS

TIME: 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Moore
Council Secretary